# RESOLUTION NO. 12-105

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK, AS ATTESTING WITNESS, ON BEHALF THE CITY, TO **ENTER** INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ONE YEAR WITH ALBERNI, CABALLEROS & COMPANY, LLP, CERTIFIED **PUBLIC** ACCOUNTANTS. TO PERFORM **AUDITING** SERVICES AND COMPLETE THE ANNUAL AUDIT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AUDITING IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL OR FLORIDA SINGLE AUDIT ACT REQUIREMENTS, CAFR REQUIREMENTS **AND GASB** 45 REQUIREMENTS, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 7, 2013 **FOR** THE **FISCAL** YEAR THAT COMMENCED ON OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$127,000: **PERFORM** AUDITING **SERVICES** AND COMPLETE THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 WITH TWO SUCCESSIVE ANNUAL RENEWALS AT THE OPTION OF THE WITHIN ITS DISCRETION, IN AMOUNT OF \$130,800 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,700 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah, Florida is required to annually audit its financial statements and has agreed to employ the professional services of Alberni, Caballeros & Castellanos, LLP who is willing, competent and able to perform such services in a timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The City of Hialeah, Florida hereby authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk, as attesting witness, on behalf of the City, to enter into a professional services agreement for one year with Alberni, Caballeros & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, to perform auditing services and complete the annual audit, including, but

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not limited to, auditing in connection with Federal or Florida Single Audit Act requirements, CAFR requirements and GASB 45 requirements, on or before March 7, 2013 for the fiscal year that commenced on October 1, 2011 and ends on September 30, 2012, in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$127,000.00; with two successive annual renewals at the option of the City within its discretion, in the amount of \$130,800 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and in the amount of \$134,000 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED thiseth day of August

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Attest:

Approved on this 2 day of \_

David Congepcion, City Clerk

Mayor Carlos Hernandez

proved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez and Lozano voting "Yes".



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

August 1, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Hialeah, Florida 501 Palm Avenue Hialeah, FL 33010 4619 PONCE DE LEON BLVD, SUITE 404 CORAL GABLES, FL 33146 TEL: 305-662-7272 FAX: 305-662-4266 ACC-CPA.COM

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the City of Hialeah, Florida (the "City") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, with an option for 2013 and 2014. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of the City as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, with an option for 2013 and 2014. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the City's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the City's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- 2) Budgetary Comparison Schedules
- 3) GASB-required supplementary pension and OPEB information

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the City's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

- 1) Schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance projects.
- 2) Combining and individual fund financial statements

The following other information accompanying the financial statements will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements, and our auditor's report will not provide an opinion or any assurance on that other information:

- 1) Introductory section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- 2) Statistical Section

#### **Audit Objectives**

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your basic financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The objective also includes reporting on—

- Internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- Internal control related to major programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

The reports on internal control and compliance will each include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the body or individuals charged with governance, others within the entity specific legislative or regulatory bodies, federal and state awarding agencies, and if applicable, pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions and to render the required reports. If our opinions on the financial statements or the Single Audit compliance opinions are other than unqualified (unmodified), we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

#### Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the basic financial statements and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein. Management is also responsible for identifying government award programs and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements, and for preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. As part of the audit, we will assist with preparation of your financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes. You are responsible for making all management decisions and performing all management functions relating to the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes and for accepting full responsibility for such decisions. You will be required to acknowledge in the written representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you are required to designate an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee any nonaudit services we provide and for evaluating the adequacy and results of those services and accepting responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including internal controls over compliance, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met and that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the fair presentation in the financial statements of the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Hialeah, Florida and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for ensuring that management is reliable and financial information is reliable and properly recorded. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities also include identifying significant vendor relationships in which the vendor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud or illegal acts affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud or illegal acts could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. Additionally, as required by OMB Circular A-133, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, it is management's responsibility to follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings and to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review on October 15th.

You are responsible for preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards in conformity with OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. You agree to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards no later than the date the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida; (2) that you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with OMB Circular A-133; (3) that the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

You are also responsible for the preparation of the other supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) that you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) that the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying for us previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

### Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements or noncompliance may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or major programs. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors or any fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. Our responsibility as auditors are limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

# **Audit Procedures—Internal Controls**

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

#### Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the City's compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, including grant agreements. However, the objective of those procedures will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to major programs. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement and the State Financial Assistance Projects Compliance Supplement for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major programs. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the City's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

The City will be responsible for completing the MD&A, statistical section and transmittal sections in Microsoft Word and Excel of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) while Alberni Caballero & Company, LLP (AC&C) will be responsible for completing all of the schedules, statements and footnotes in the CAFR with Microsoft Excel. The City will be responsible for supplying AC&C with the appropriate numbers from the City's work papers. When all sections are completed, the City will email the auditor the City's responsible sections. Upon receipt of all of the appropriate information, AC&C will be responsible for finalizing the CAFR. AC&C will provide assistance in meeting the requirements for the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award.

Our audit fee is an all inclusive fee which includes assistance to the City in the implementation of all new reporting standards and any subsequent standards during the period of our contract. The fee also includes the above mentioned assistance with the GFOA certificate of excellence in financial reporting.

Our audit reports will be delivered by March 7th of each year; with the assumption that no unexpected circumstances will be encountered during the audit that would delay the delivery date. If any unusual circumstances are encountered during the audit; the City will be notified immediately.

Alberni Caballero & Company, LLP; will maintain coverage of \$1,000,000 of professional liability insurance, with the City listed as additional insured.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditors' reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. We will coordinate with you the electronic submission and certification. If applicable, we will provide copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package you will submit to pass-through entities. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period, unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the cognizant or oversight agency for audits.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Alberni, Caballero & Company, LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to City's Oversight Agency or its designee, a federal or state agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Alberni, Caballero & Company LLP personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release or for any additional period requested by the City's Oversight Agency for Audit, or Pass-through Entity. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Christopher G. Chiocca, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. Our fee for these services will be \$127,000, \$130,800 and \$134,700 for the fiscal years ended September 2012, 2013 and 2014 (if options for 2013 and 2014 are approved by the City) Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our 2008 peer review report accompanies this letter.

### This engagement letter is renewable at the option of the City.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the City of Hialeah, Florida and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Christopher G. Chiocca, CPA	
Alberni, Caballero & Company, L	LΡ

Christopher Chocca

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the City of Hialeah, Florida.

Carlos Heffnandez

Title: Mayor

ATTEST

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

William M. Grodnić

City Attorney



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System Review Report

May 6, 2009

To the Partners of

Alberni Caballero & Company, L.L.P. (Formerly known as Alberni Caballero & Castellanos, L.L.P.) and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Alberni Caballero & Company, L.L.P. (Formerly known as Alberni Caballero & Castellanos, L.L.P.) (the firm) in effect for the year ended November 30, 2008. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review. The nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review are described in the standards at www.aicpa.org/prsummary.

As required by the standards, engagements selected for review included engagements performed under the Government Auditing Standards.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Alberni Caballero & Company, L.L.P. (Formerly known as Alberni Caballero & Castellanos, L.L.P.) in effect for the year ended November 30, 2008, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies) or fail. Alberni Caballero & Company, L.L.P. (Formerly known as Alberni Caballero & Castellanos, L.L.P.) has received a peer review rating of pass.

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